



EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

Date: December 17, 2010

Subject: 2011 Eastern Area Interagency Priority Trainee Program

To: Eastern Area Interagency Fire Community and Agency Training Officers

The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) invites Eastern Area agencies to submit nominations for the 2011 Eastern Area Priority Trainee Program. The following information provides guidelines for determining the applicability of this program to prospective applicants.

The Priority Trainee (PT) Program has an extensive history within the Eastern Area, as a viable process to find training opportunities for our interagency candidates. Hundreds of individuals have become fully qualified resources because of the PT program. The Eastern Area has many individuals needing assignments to complete Performance Task Books to become fully qualified. You may wish to consider nominating a Priority Trainee Program for the coming year.

Nomination Process

State agency applicants are to submit nomination forms to their Compact Representative on the Eastern Area Training Working Team (EATWT). Federal agency applicants are to submit nomination forms to their Regional Training Officer. **In either case, all nomination forms are to be received by their EATWT representatives by January 31, 2011.** The Priority Trainee nomination form is attached to this letter.

By **February 11, 2011**, Compact Representatives and Regional Training Officers are to submit their packets of scored and prioritized nominations to the Eastern Area's Geographic Area Training Representative (GATR), Matt Dillon. Nomination packets can be emailed to matthewdillon@fs.fed.us, sent via fax at (610) 557-4154 or by hard copy mail to: USDA-Forest Service, Northeastern Area S&PF, Attention: Matt Dillon, 11 Campus Blvd., Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3294.

The EATWT will develop a "final" interagency list at the Joint Working Team meeting in February. This final Priority Trainee list will be submitted to the EACG, Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC), State Compacts Representatives and Agency Training Officers by **February 28, 2011**, and posted at the Eastern Area Coordination Center's website, <http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/administrative/training/training.htm>.

The following guidelines are established by the EACG to effectively and efficiently implement the Eastern Area Priority Trainee Program. Per guidance of the EACG, members of any of the NWCG Type 2 Incident Management Teams (IMTs) in Eastern Area will be given an extra one point score for trainees nominated to the program. The recognized Type 2 IMTs within EA include; Minnesota Incident Command System (MNICS) A –B – C teams, Northeast Compact T2, Maine T2, and Eastern Area T2.

For additional information please contact the EA GATR, Matt Dillon by e-mail matthewdillon@fs.fed.us or by phone at (610) 557-4143.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Priority Trainee Program Nomination Form